

Response to Office Action Mailed 12/28/2004
Amendment dated May 19, 2005
Serial No. 10/631,179
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet which includes Figs. 1 – 3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1 – 3. In Fig. 1, previously omitted element 28 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his careful review of the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they did not include reference sign 28. Applicant has amended Fig. 1 to include a reference to part number 28. Approval of the corrected drawings is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office, the Examiner objected to the disclosure due to various informalities. Applicant has amended the specification as shown and believes it is now in good form.

On pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1 – 12 and 29 – 42 for various informalities. Applicant has amended the claims as shown and believes they are now in good form.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13 – 28 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful suggestions. Applicant has amended claims 13 – 28 as shown and believes they are now in good form.

On page 5 and 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 43, 44, 59 and 60 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Evans (U.S. Patent No. 5,868,105) and claims 61 – 63 as being anticipated by Gertstmann (U.S. Patent No. 4,471,907). On page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 49 and 55 under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Evans (U.S. Patent No. 5,868,105) as applied to claim 43 and claim 65 as being unpatentable over Gertstmann (U.S. Patent No. 4,471,907) as applied to claim 61. Applicant has cancelled these claims without prejudice to filing a continuing application if Applicant chooses.

Applicant is filing concurrently under separate cover a request for a two-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to

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Deposit Account No. 50-1287. Applicant hereby provides a general request for any extension of time, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of the application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees, which have not been previously paid for by, check and which are required during the prosecution of this application to **Deposit Account No. 50-1287.** (Should Deposit Account No. 50-1287 be deficient, please charge any further deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 10-0220).

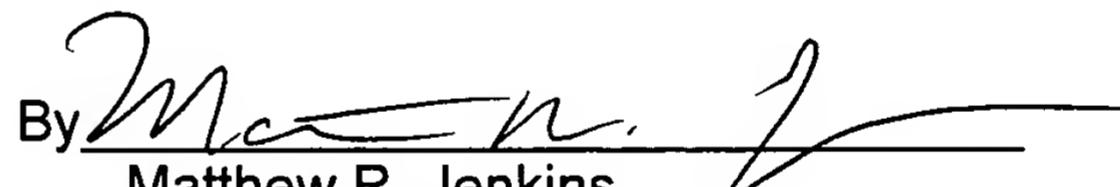
Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned via telephone with any questions or comments regarding this case.

APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER
IF THE EXAMINER DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS AMENDMENT PLACES THE
APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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